

Absent—Excused.

Duncan. Williams
Lauderdale. of Montgomery.
Leslie.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Miller of Dallas, the House at 2:50 o'clock p. m. adjourned until 2:50 o'clock p. m. Thursday, February 24.

APPENDIX.

PROOF OF PUBLICATION OF NOTICE.

Pending consideration of House bill No. 496, Mr. Neblett exhibited to the House the following notice, which was ordered printed in the Journal:

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned citizens of Webb county, State of Texas, to all persons interested, that the undersigned, who are the owners of some parts of the lands hereinafter described, will make application to the Thirty-seventh Legislature of Texas, which meets at Austin, Texas, on the second Tuesday in January, A. D. 1921, for the passage of a special law by said Thirty-seventh Legislature, confirming the following grants made by the Crown of Spain, to the hereinafter named grantees of the following porciones of land now lying and being situated in the county of Webb, State of Texas, to wit:

Porcion No.	Original Grantee.
29	Juan Baptista Villareal
30	Jose Francisco Cordova Moreno
31	Jose Trevino
33	Jose Dionicio Trevino
34	Jose Antonio Diaz
36	Laureano Salinas
37	Jose Bartolo Chapa
38	Toledo Sanchez
39	Jose Antonio Nasario
47	City of Laredo
48	City of Laredo
51	City of Laredo
53	Leonardo Sanchez
57	Jose Maria de la Garza
58	Manuel Garza

and authorizing and requiring the Land Commissioner of Texas to issue patents to the respective original grantees of each respective porcion, describing same by the metes and bounds as per field

notes on file in the archives of the General Land Office of Texas.

Mrs. W. P. May,
Mrs. J. A. May,
Mrs. M. A. Eistotter,
A. M. Bruni,
S. V. Edwards,
M. A. Hirsch,
S. N. Johnson,
Mrs. Dario Sanchez,
H. Ligarde,
B. A. Puig,
Mrs. Addie Gridley,
A. H. Camp,
Mrs. J. M. Burr,
T. C. Mann.

The State of Texas,
County of Webb.

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared J. S. Penn, who, after being by me duly sworn, deposes and states under oath that he is the publisher of the Laredo Daily Times, a newspaper published in the county of Webb; and that he published the within notice in said newspaper for at least once a week for a period of thirty days prior to the first day of February, A. D. 1921. Said publication having been made respectively on December 29, 1920, 5th, 12th and 19th days of January, A. D. 1921, and a printed copy thereof is hereto attached.

JUSTO S. PENN.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 9th day of February, A. D. 1921.
(Seal) C. M. HENRY,
Notary Public, Webb County, Texas.

THIRTY-FIRST DAY.

(Thursday, February 24, 1921.)

The House met at 2:50 o'clock p. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Speaker Thomas.

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Aiken.	Binkley.
Baker.	Black, O. B.,
Baldwin.	of Bexar.
Barker.	Black, W. A.,
Barrett of Bell.	of Bexar.
Barrett of Fannin.	Bonham.
Bass.	Brady.
Beasley	Branch.
of Hopkins.	Brown.
Beasley	Bryant.
of McCulloch.	Burkett.
Beavens.	Burmeister.

Burns.	Menking.
Carpenter.	Merriman.
Childers.	Miller of Dallas.
Chitwood.	Miller of Parker.
Coffee.	Morgan.
Cox.	Moore.
Crawford.	Morris of Medina.
Crumpton.	Morris
Curtis.	of Montague.
Darroch.	Mott.
Davis, John E.,	Neblett.
of Dallas.	Owen.
Davis, John,	Perkins
of Dallas.	of Cherokee.
Duffey.	Perkins of Lamar.
Edwards.	Perry.
Estes.	Pollard.
Faubion.	Pool.
Fly.	Pope.
Fugler.	Quaid.
Greer.	Quicksall.
Grissom.	Quinn.
Hall.	Rice.
Hanna.	Rogers of Harris.
Hardin.	Rogers of Shelby.
Harrington.	Rosser.
Henderson	Rountree.
of McLennan.	Rowland.
Henderson	Satterwhite.
of Marion.	Schweppe.
Hendricks.	Seagler.
Hill.	Shearer.
Horton.	Sims.
Johnson	Smith.
of Gillespie.	Sneed.
Johnson of Ellis.	Stephens.
Johnson	Stevenson.
of Wichita.	Stewart
Jones.	of Edwards.
Kacir.	Stewart of Reeves.
Kellis.	Swann.
King.	Sweet of Brown.
Kveton.	Sweet of Tarrant.
Lackey.	Thomas
Laird.	of Limestone.
Lawrence.	Thomason.
Lindsey.	Thompson
Looney.	of Harris.
McCord.	Thompson
McDaniel.	of Red River.
McFarlane.	Thorn.
McKean.	Thrasher.
McLeod.	Veatch.
Malone.	Wadley.
Martin.	Wallace.
Marshall.	Webb.
Mathes.	Westbrook.
Melson.	Wright.

Absent.

Dinkle.	Wessels.
Garrett.	West.
Laney.	Williams
Teer.	of McLennan.
Walker.	

Absent—Excused.

Adams.	Leslie.
Cummins.	Patman.
Duncan.	Williams
Harrison.	of Montgomery.
Lauderdale.	

(Mr. Hill in the chair.)

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was then offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Cummins for the balance of this week, on motion of Mr. Curtis.

Mr. Adams for yesterday and today on account of sickness, on motion of Mr. Curtis.

Mr. Harrison for today and indefinitely on account of sickness, on motion of Mr. Wallace.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Teer:

H. B. No. 533, A bill to be entitled "An Act to protect the breeders and growers of pure-bred, high-grade cotton seed for planting purposes; to safeguard the farmers in the purchases of pure-bred cotton seed of certain varietal name; establishing a system of registration and certification; providing that the Commissioner of Agriculture and the President of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas shall prescribe all necessary rules and regulations and make the necessary inspections for the proper enforcement of said act; and the Commissioner of Agriculture shall have printed tags to be placed upon bags and other containers of cotton seed offered for sale, under the terms of this act, and charge a fee for same, and to enforce the provisions of this act; prescribing penalties for the violation of said act; providing that this act shall be cumulative of Chapter 62, Acts of the Second Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Satterwhite:

H. B. No. 534, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to repeal Article 7305d, Chapter 142, Section 1, Acts of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Stock and Stock Raising.

By Mr. Branch:

H. B. No. 535, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Los Fresnos Independent School District in Cameron county, Texas, and defining its boundaries; providing for the selection of a secretary, treasurer, assessor and collector of taxes, and other necessary officers and committees, and prescribing their qualifications; investing said district with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties of a town or village incorporated under the General Laws of the State for free school purposes only, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Thrasher:

H. B. No. 536, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 2, Chapter 49, Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, 1915, so as to provide for the compulsory school attendance of the blind, deaf and dumb, and prescribing additional duties of county superintendents; requiring said officers to certify the name and number of blind, deaf and dumb in their respective counties to the State Superintendent of the School for the Deaf and Dumb and Blind, respectively; authorizing the Superintendent of the School of the Blind to provide for the instruction of the deaf, dumb and blind in so far as instructional facilities are adequate, and authorizing said officers to issue certificates of adequate instructional facilities which shall have the effect of releasing the holders thereof from compulsory school attendance, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. John Davis of Dallas:

H. B. No. 537, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 103 of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature and approved March 28, 1917, and entitled 'An Act to amend Chapter 179 of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, entitled "An Act relating to employers' liability and providing for the compensation of certain employees, and their representatives and benefi-

ciaries, for personal injuries sustained in the course of employment, and for deaths resulting from such injuries, and to provide and determine in what cases compensation shall be paid, and to make the payment thereof more certain and prompt by the creation of an insurance association to insure and guarantee such payments and of an Industrial Accident Board for the investigation of claims and for the adjudication thereof for consenting parties; fixing the membership and powers of said board and its compensation and duties, and the method of its appointment, and the term of office of its members, and fixing also the powers, duties and liabilities of said insurance association and the extent of control over same to be exercised by the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking, and also providing for the insurance of payments of compensation to employees by certain other insurance companies and organizations, and declaring an emergency," and declaring an emergency,' and being an act relating to employers' liability and providing for the compensation of certain employees and their legal beneficiaries for personal injuries in the course of employment, for their death resulting from such injuries and to provide and determine in what cases compensation shall be paid and the amount of same and the manner in which same shall be paid, and creating and defining the authority of the county judge of the several counties of the State in which injuries may occur to pass upon and make rulings and decisions with respect to claims for such compensation; and defining the authority and duty of such county judges in such cases, and fixing the amount of their compensation for the performance of such duties, and providing for appeals from the final ruling or decision of the county judges in such cases to the courts, and providing for the institution of suits in the courts in certain cases with respect to such claims and providing also for the issuance of policies of insurance by insurance companies and mutual and reciprocal organizations and companies to employers and the liability of such insurance companies and mutual and reciprocal organizations thereunder, and providing for self-insurance by employers in certain cases and their liability thereunder; defining the powers and duties of the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking in connection with this act; defining the duty of the Industrial Accident Board of the State of Texas with respect to claims for compensation pending before

it at the time this act becomes effective; keeping in force inchoate, vested, matured, existing or other rights, powers, duties or authority, either of any employe or legal beneficiary or any insurance association or company or mutual or reciprocal organization existing at the time this act takes effect; and repealing all portions and provisions of Chapter 103 of the General Laws of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, entitled as above stated, except in so far as the provisions of said act are included in this act."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Smith:

H. B. No. 538, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 3 of Chapter 24, General Laws of the Second Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, approved July 25, 1919, relating to the fixing of the compensation and perquisites of the superintendents of the Confederate Home, the Confederate Woman's Home, and the superintendent of the Girls' Training School, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on State Eleemosynary and Reformatory Institutions.

By Mr. Melson:

H. B. No. 539, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a State Board of Censors for moving pictures and providing for the censorship of moving pictures and moving picture films in this State, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Melson:

H. B. No. 540, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing that when any bank which is a county, city or district depository for public funds by law for this State, suspends business, or is taken charge of by the Comptroller of the Currency or the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking, that the lawful county, city or district authorities authorized to select a depository in the first instance shall have the discretion and authority to select by contract a special depository for the public funds in suspended bank; declaring that such special depository shall assume the payment of such public funds, and it shall pay the same to the designated public authority in accordance with the contract; defining the terms of the contracts, making provisions with reference thereto; providing that performance of the contract and payment of all funds

described therein shall be secured by bond to be given by the special depository, with same character of sureties as is required for the approval of such special depository contracts and bonds, and leaving it to the discretion of the public authorities as to the rate of interest which such public funds shall bear, or as to whether such funds shall be non-interest bearing; providing that if any State funds are in the county depository which has failed, the amount thereof shall be ascertained by the State Comptroller, who shall be authorized in his discretion to enter into a contract with the special depository selected by the county authorities for the custody and payment of the same, in the same manner that county authorities are authorized to enter into such contracts; giving the Comptroller authority to take and approve contracts and bonds therefor; providing, however, that State funds placed in such special depository shall bear the average rate of interest received by the State on funds placed with regularly selected State depositories; providing that nothing in this act shall require the State, county, city or district authorities to select a special depository as is herein permitted, and declaring that such authorities may pursue their lawful remedies against the failed bank, if, in their discretion, it is best for the public interest so to do, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Banks and Banking.

By Mr. Hill (by request):

H. B. No. 541, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Laketon Independent School District in Gray county, Texas, covering territory now known as the Common School Districts Nos. 1, 4, 7, 14, and a part of the Common School District Nos. —; defining its boundaries and providing for the election of a board of trustees and the election thereof and the manner of determining their term of office; defining their qualifications, powers, duties and authority, and defining their limitations, and providing for filling vacancies in said board; authorizing the board of trustees to levy, assess and collect taxes, to pay the current expenses in the maintenance and support of the public free school therein; providing for a secretary, treasurer, tax assessor and collector and other officers and committees, and defining their duties, and providing for their compensation; providing the manner of assessing taxes; providing for a board of

equalization and defining its powers and duties, and defining a basis for equalization; vesting all the property of the above named common school districts and parts of common school districts in the Laketon Independent School District, and providing that Laketon Independent School District shall be liable for all claims and debts now existing against said above named common school district, and providing for the management and control of the public free schools in said independent school district, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. West:

H. B. No. 542, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1389, Title 28, Chapter 5, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, relating to the proceedings for the removal of county seat, so as to provide that in all counties now organized and in all counties which may be organized hereafter the county seat shall not be moved or located to a point within five miles of the county line.

Referred to Committee on Counties.

SENATE BILL ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bill, received from the Senate today, was laid before the House, read first time, and referred to the appropriate committee, as follows:

Senate bill No. 180, to the Committee on State Affairs.

RELATING TO TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY.

Mr. Hall offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved, That at 12 meridian, Wednesday, March 2, 1921, the eighty-fifth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Texas Independence, and the one hundred and twenty-eighth anniversary of the birth of Sam Houston, the Declaration of Independence be read before the House by the Reading Clerk.

Signed—Hall, Bonham, John Davis of Dallas.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

RELATING TO ROLL CALLS ON LOCAL BILLS.

Mr. Faubion offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The constantly increasing number of roll calls in the House, on

local bills, greatly retards the deliberations of this body upon matters of vital importance to the general welfare of this State; and

Whereas, It is the desire of the membership of the House to expedite matters so as to attain the maximum of service at a minimum cost to the tax payers; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Speaker of the House to investigate the feasibility and practicability of installing a machine for instantaneous voting, and report its findings back to the House.

Signed—Faubion, Rountree, Teer.

The resolution was read second time and was referred by the Speaker to the Committee on Rules.

RELATING TO THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF TAXES.

Mr. Smith offered the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 27, Relating to the assessment and collection of taxes.

Be it resolved by the House, the Senate concurring, that:

Whereas, Section 1 of Article 8 of the Constitution of the State of Texas declares, "Taxation shall be equal and uniform. All property in this State, whether owned by natural persons or corporations, other than municipal, shall be taxed in proportion to its value, which shall be ascertained as may be provided by law"; and

Whereas, Section 18 of Article 8 of said Constitution declares:

"The Legislature shall provide for equalizing, as near as may be, the valuation of all property subject to or rendered for taxation (the county commissioners court to constitute a board of equalization); and may also provide for the classification of all lands with reference to their value in the several counties"; and

Whereas, Section 42 of Article 3 of said Constitution commands that:

"The Legislature shall pass such laws as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this Constitution"; and

Whereas, It is but a fair and logical construction of these provisions of the organic law that the mandates therein contained are co-extensive with the State; that the language of Section 1, Article 8, is not directory but mandatory; that all property in this State, regardless of the character of ownership or of location, shall be taxed equally and uniformly in proportion to its value, which shall be ascertained as may be provided by law; and

Whereas, While it must not be sup-

posed that uniformity and equality can be of perfect logical exactness and mathematical accuracy, nor that the vital interests of the State require that property shall be assessed at full value, yet, however, there does exist an urgent need of definite and uniform standards of assessments based in uniform percentages of value operating, for purposes of State taxation in all counties alike; and

Whereas, Such uniformity and equality as contemplated by our Constitution can not be had under the administration of two hundred and fifty-two county tribunals as a rule remotely situated one from the other with no opportunity for co-operation nor acquaintance with values beyond their immediate locality; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House, the Senate concurring:

Section 1. That the public interest demands a full and impartial investigation of the administration of the laws relating to taxation in the several counties of the State to the end that taxes be levied by the State, including the school ad valorem, the State ad valorem and the ad valorem tax levied for the payment of Confederate pensions, shall, as nearly as may be, be equal and uniform and assessed upon uniform percentages of actual or true value.

Sec. 2. For the purpose of conducting such investigation there is hereby created a joint committee to be composed of three members of the House, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House, and two members of the Senate, to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The said committee shall organize by electing one of its members as chairman and one as secretary, and shall be authorized to employ, when necessary, one stenographer and not to exceed — expert tax advisors, the same to be selected by a majority vote of said committee. The report of said committee shall contain a correct stenographic transcript of all proceedings had in and before said committee. Such report shall be at all times subject to inspection by the Governor. Said committee shall report its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Governor, to be by him transmitted to the Thirty-eighth Legislature. In the event the Thirty-seventh Legislature shall be called to meet in extraordinary session, the committee shall report its findings, as far as such investigation has progressed, to the Governor for transmission to such extraordinary session.

Sec. 3. The members of said committee shall be paid for their services

five dollars per day, including all necessary traveling and personal expenses properly incurred, the same to be paid out of the contingent funds of the House and Senate upon accounts approved by the chairman of said committee, compensation to be allowed the stenographer, which shall not exceed five dollars per day, and of expert tax advisors, which shall not exceed ten dollars per day, together with any traveling and personal expenses properly incurred, shall be paid out of the contingent funds of the House and Senate upon accounts approved by the chairman of the committee.

Sec. 4. The committee, or any member thereof, is hereby given authority to examine the tax rolls of the several counties on file in the office of the State Comptroller. The committee, or any member thereof, shall have access to the records of all State and county tax assessors and collectors; to make inquiry in the several counties and ascertain as near as may be the actual or true value of all property in such counties subject to or rendered for taxation; to ascertain as near as may be what portion of any of such property is escaping its proper assessment for taxation; to investigate the administration and enforcement of any and all revenue laws of the State of Texas and to do all such things as may be necessary to secure such information as may aid the Legislature to the end that taxes shall be equal and uniform throughout the State as contemplated by the Constitution, and that all property in this State, excepting none, and with equal rights to all and special privileges to none, shall pay its just share of the expenses of maintaining the State government and the public school system.

Signed—Smith, John Davis of Dallas, Bonham, Carpenter, Rountree.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Crumpton moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

Mr. Greer moved to table the resolution.

Question recurring on the motion to table, it prevailed.

(Speaker in the chair.)

SENATE BILL NO. 101 ON PASSAGE TO THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, as unfinished business, on its passage to third reading,

S. B. No. 101, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 16 of Chapter 190 of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Leg-

islature, as amended by Section 2 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws of the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, and as amended by Section 1, Chapter 113, of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature by increasing the annual license fee on commercial vehicles and interurban commercial vehicles, and amending Section 16a, added to Chapter 190, of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature by Section 2 of Chapter 113 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, by increasing the license fee on commercial and interurban commercial vehicles based upon carrying capacity and per mile traveled, and declaring an emergency."

The bill having heretofore been read second time, with (committee) amendment by Mr. Fly and substitute by Mr. Fly for the (committee) amendment pending.

Question first recurring on the substitute, it was adopted.

Mr. Melson offered the following amendment to the (committee) amendment as substituted:

Amend as substituted by striking out the first paragraph, page 725, House Journal, after the words "vehicles not subject to registration," and insert in lieu the following: "Tractors used exclusively for agricultural purposes, fire engines, road rollers, steam shovels and other road building and agricultural machinery, motor vehicles or motor trucks, either with or without trailers or semi-trailers when used in carrying or transporting farm products to market for sale or placing same in warehouses or in cold storage, by the producer, his agent or servant, of such products, shall not be required to be registered."

Question recurring on the amendment to the (committee) amendment as substituted, it was lost.

Mr. Johnson of Wichita offered the following amendment to the (committee) amendment as substituted:

Amend the amendment as substituted by striking out Section 4, on page 727 of the daily Journal.

On motion of Mr. Fly, the amendment was tabled.

Mr. Darroch offered the following amendment to the (committee) amendment as substituted:

Amend Senate bill No. 101 as amended by adding after paragraph 4, page 725 of the Journal, the following: "73 per cent of all funds accruing from the registration of non-commercial vehicles, such as automobiles and motorcycles, shall be retained by the county in which

such registration fees are collected, and be paid into a special highway fund for such county to be expended on designated highways and first class roads, by the commissioners courts of the various counties, under the direction of the State Highway Department." Renummer succeeding sections to correspond.

Question—Shall the amendment be adopted?

Mr. Pollard raised a point of order on further consideration of the bill at this time on the ground that the time for the consideration of local bills has arrived.

The Speaker sustained the point of order.

SENATE BILL NO. 274 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to third reading,

S. B. No. 274, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Sharyland Independent School District, situated in Hidalgo county, out of territory situated in the McAllen Independent School District; defining its metes and bounds, conforming the boundaries of the McAllen Independent School District thereto; vesting said created district with the rights, powers, privileges and duties of a town or village incorporated under the general law for school purposes only; providing for a board of trustees to manage and control the public free schools within said district, vesting in said board all the rights, powers, privileges and duties conferred and imposed by the general law of this State upon the trustees of independent school districts, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 528 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 528, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a special and more efficient road system for Collin county, in the State of Texas, and making county commissioners ex-officio road commissioners and prescribing their powers and duties as such, and providing for their compensation as such road commissioners; and providing for the condemnation of lands and other property by said county for the purpose of

laying out and establishing roads and for straightening, widening or draining any established road, and for the condemnation of any timber, earth or other material for the construction and maintenance of public roads, and to provide for compensation for the material used; and providing for the working of county convicts on the public roads and county farm and the purchase of supplies for such convicts, and the rewards for the capture of escaped convicts and for the commutation of sentences for faithful service and good behavior, and providing the powers and duties and liabilities of road overseers, and to provide for the summoning of road hands and teams for road work, and for the allowance of time for services of hands and teams on public roads and fixing the penalty for violation of same, and relieving them from the performance of such work by the payment of three (\$3.00) dollars, and providing that delinquent poll tax payers shall be liable for extra road duty of three days and providing for the manner of summoning and working of all persons liable for road duty on the public roads who have not paid such road tax or poll tax, and permitting substitution and payment of money in lieu of such service and to provide for the manner of training and maintaining hedges along the public roads and the punishment for failure to comply therewith, and for the allowance of extra time for road overseers, and to provide punishment for all who obstruct any drain way of any public road; and providing further, making this act cumulative of the general laws now in force, and to repeal Chapter 84 of the Acts of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, being a special road law for Collin county, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 532 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 532, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend an act passed by the Thirty-third Legislature, Regular Session, 1913, Chapter 3, Special Laws, approved February 11, 1913, Special Laws, Thirty-third Legislature, page 12, entitled 'An Act incorporating and creating the Rankin Independent School District of Upton county, Texas, for free school purposes only; defining its boundaries and providing for the elec-

tion of a board of trustees, for the raising of revenue by taxation, for the issuance of bonds for building purposes and for the maintenance of public free schools in such district, and vesting said district and the board of trustees thereof with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties conferred and imposed by general laws upon independent school districts and the board of trustees thereof formed by the incorporation of a town or village for free school purposes only under the general laws, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof, and their captions had been read severally, the following enrolled bills:

H. B. No. 317, "An Act authorizing the commissioners court of Scurry county to validate the sale of a certain block of land in the town of Snyder in this State, known as Block 25, and shown on the recorded plat of the original town of Snyder in Scurry county of record in Book 1. at page 358, of the deed records of said county; authorizing the commissioners court of said county to execute a deed of confirmation, without the necessity of public advertisement and public sale, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 358, "An Act to reorganize the Sixty-third and Eighty-third Judicial Districts of the State of Texas, and to prescribe the time and fix the terms of holding the courts in each of said judicial districts; and to conform all writs and process from such courts to such changes; and to make all process issued or served before this act takes effect, including recognizances and bonds returnable to the terms of the courts in the several districts as herein fixed, and to validate process, and to validate the summoning of grand and petit jurors and juries; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 324, "An Act authorizing the Polytechnic Heights Independent School District No. 42 of Tarrant county to levy and collect taxes, for issuance of bonds to the amount not to exceed fifty cents on the one hundred dollar valuation, declaring an emergency, and the repeal of all laws conflicting with any part of this act."

H. B. No. 307. "An Act creating the Booker Independent School District out of territory in Lipscomb county, Texas; defining its boundaries; fixing the number of trustees; providing for their election in accordance with the general laws of towns and villages incorporated for school purposes, and fixing their powers and duties, and providing for the election of the first trustees after this act becomes effective; authorizing the trustees to levy and collect a maintenance tax and to issue bonds for building purposes, and to levy, assess and collect a bond tax; providing for elections upon bond and tax propositions and for notice of such elections; prescribing the qualifications of voters at such elections, the form of ballot and for making returns; providing for the appointment of an assessor and collector of taxes, and fixing his powers, duties, bond and compensation; providing for the collection of delinquent taxes, and for the assessment and collection of taxes by the county assessor and collector; applying the general laws when a matter is not expressly provided for, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 306. "An Act creating the Hontoon Independent School District in Ochiltree county, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees in said district; conferring upon said district and its board of trustees all the rights, powers, privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the general laws of Texas upon independent school districts and the board of trustees thereof; declaring that all taxes or bonds heretofore authorized by any former school district included within the bounds thereof shall remain in full force and effect, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 289. "An Act creating the Rowena Independent School District in Runnels county, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees in said district; conferring upon said district and its boards of trustees all the rights, powers, privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the general laws of Texas upon independent school districts and the board of trustees thereof; declaring that all taxes or bonds heretofore authorized by any former school district included within the bounds thereof shall remain in full force and effect; and repealing act of the Third Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature creating

the Rowena Independent School District, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 281. "An Act creating the Perryton Independent School District in Ochiltree county, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees in said district; conferring upon said district and its board of trustees all the rights, powers, privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the general laws of Texas upon independent school districts and the board of trustees thereof; providing that such district may have its own assessor and collector of taxes and board of equalization; repealing Chapter 94 of the Local and Special Laws passed by the Third Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, and Chapter 1 of the Local and Special Laws passed by the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 266. "An Act to amend Section 2, Chapter 6. of the Special Laws of Texas passed by the Second Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature at page 39 thereof, approved August 30, 1917, being an act creating the Alanreed Independent School District in Gray county, Texas; giving the board of trustees the power to select and designate the depository for said school district, and declaring an emergency."

SENATE BILL NO. 88 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, S. B. No. 88, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 61 of Article 30, Title V, of the Revised Statutes, changing the time of holding the terms of the district court of the Sixty-first Judicial District of Texas, repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—116.

Aiken.	Binkley.
Baker.	Black, O. B.,
Baldwin.	of Bexar.
Barker.	Black, W. A.,
Barrett of Fannin.	of Bexar.
Beasley	Bonham.
of Hopkins.	Branch.
Beasley	Brown.
of McCulloch.	Bryant.
Beavens.	Burkett.

Burmeister.	Miller of Dallas.
Burns.	Miller of Parker.
Carpenter.	Morgan.
Childers.	Moore.
Chitwood.	Morris of Medina.
Coffee.	Morris
Cox.	of Montague.
Crawford.	Mott.
Crumpton.	Neblett.
Curtis.	Owen.
Darroch.	Perkins
Davis, John E.,	of Cherokee.
of Dallas.	Perkins of Lamar.
Davis, John,	Perry.
of Dallas.	Pollard.
Dinkle.	Pope.
Edwards.	Quicksall.
Faubion.	Quinn.
Fly.	Rice.
Fugler.	Rogers of Harris.
Garrett.	Rogers of Shelby.
Greer.	Rosser.
Grissom.	Rountree.
Hall.	Rowland.
Hanna.	Satterwhite.
Hardin.	Schwepe.
Harrington.	Seagler.
Henderson	Shearer.
of McLennan.	Sims.
Henderson	Smith.
of Marion.	Sneed.
Hendricks.	Stephens.
Horton.	Stevenson.
Johnson	Stewart
of Wichita.	of Edwards.
Jones.	Stewart of Reeves.
Kacir.	Swann.
Kellis.	Sweet of Tarrant.
King.	Teer.
Kveton.	Thomas
Lackey.	of Limestone.
Laird.	Thomason.
Lawrence.	Thompson
Looney.	of Red River.
McCord.	Thorn.
McDaniel.	Thrasher.
McFarlane.	Veatch.
McKean.	Wadley.
McLeod.	Walker.
Malone.	Wallace.
Martin.	Webb.
Marshall.	Wessels.
Mathes.	West.
Melson.	Westbrook.
Menking.	Wright.

Absent.

Barrett of Bell.	Johnson of Ellis.
Bass.	Laney.
Brady.	Lindsey.
Duffey.	Merriman.
Estes.	Pool.
Hill.	Quaid.
Johnson	Sweet of Brown.
of Gillespie.	

Thompson	Williams
of Harris.	of McLennan.

Absent—Excused.

Adams.	Leslie.
Cummins.	Patman.
Duncan.	Williams
Harrison.	of Montgomery.
Lauderdale.	

SENATE BILL NO. 220 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 220, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Hewitt Independent School District in McLennan county, Texas; defining its boundaries, including the present Hewitt Independent School District; providing for a board of trustees in said district, conferring upon said district and its board of trustees all the rights, powers, privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the general laws of Texas upon independent school districts and the boards of trustees thereof; providing that the present board of trustees continue in office until the expiration of their respective terms; providing for an assessor and collector of taxes and board of equalization; providing that the Hewitt Independent School District as herein created shall become bonded and liable for the payment of its pro rata part of any outstanding bonded indebtedness heretofore voted upon any territory taken away from any other school district and included within the bounds of the Hewitt Independent School District, as herein created, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—112.

Aiken.	Brown.
Baker.	Bryant.
Barker.	Burkett.
Barrett of Fannin.	Burmeister.
Beasley	Burns.
of Hopkins.	Carpenter.
Beasley	Childers.
of McCulloch.	Chitwood.
Beavens.	Coffee.
Binkley.	Cox.
Black, O. B.,	Crawford.
of Bexar.	Crumpton.
Black, W. A.,	Curtis.
of Bexar.	Darroch.
Bonham.	Davis, John E.,
Brady.	of Dallas.
Branch.	

Davis, John, of Dallas.	Morris of Medina.
Dinkle.	Morris
Duffey.	of Montague.
Edwards.	Mott.
Faubion.	Neblett.
Fly.	Owen.
Fugler.	Perkins
Garrett.	of Cherokee.
Grissom.	Perkins of Lamar.
Hall.	Perry.
Hanna.	Pope.
Hardin.	Quicksall.
Harrington.	Quinn.
Henderson	Rice.
of McLennan.	Rogers of Harris.
Henderson	Rogers of Shelby.
of Marion.	Rosser.
Hendricks.	Rowland.
Hill.	Satterwhite.
Horton.	Schweppe.
Johnson	Seagler.
of Gillespie.	Sims.
Jones.	Sneed.
Kacir.	Stephens.
Kellis.	Stevenson.
King.	Stewart
Kveton.	of Edwards.
Lackey.	Stewart of Reeves.
Laird.	Swann.
Lawrence.	Sweet of Brown.
Looney.	Sweet of Tarrant.
McCord.	Teer.
McFarlane.	Thomason.
McKean.	Thompson
McLeod.	of Red River.
Malone.	Thorn.
Martin.	Thrasher.
Marshall.	Veatch.
Mathes.	Wadley.
Melson.	Walker.
Menking.	Wallace.
Miller of Dallas.	Webb.
Miller of Parker.	Wessels.
Morgan.	West.
Moore.	Westbrook.
	Wright.

Absent.

Baldwin.	Pollard.
Barrett of Bell.	Pool.
Bass.	Quaid.
Estes.	Rountree.
Greer.	Shearer.
Johnson of Ellis.	Smith.
Johnson	Thomas
of Wichita.	of Limestone.
Laney.	Thompson
Lindsey.	of Harris.
McDaniel.	Williams
Merriman.	of McLennan.

Absent—Excused.

Adams.	Leslie.
Cummins.	Patman.
Duncan.	Williams
Harrison.	of Montgomery.
Lauderdale.	

SENATE BILL NO. 232 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, S. B. No. 232, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 14 of Chapter 81 of the Local and Special Laws of the State of Texas passed by the Thirty-sixth Legislature at its Regular Session by providing that the board of trustees of Donna Independent School District may employ an attorney to represent the said district in the enforcement of its lien for taxes; providing compensation for such services to such attorney; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—112.

Aiken.	Hardin.
Baker.	Harrington.
Baldwin.	Henderson
Barker.	of McLennan.
Barrett of Fannin.	Henderson
Beasley	of Marion.
of Hopkins.	Hendricks.
Beasley	Hill.
of McCulloch.	Horton.
Beavens.	Johnson
Binkley.	of Wichita.
Black, O. B.,	Jones.
of Bexar.	Kacir.
Black, W. A.,	Kellis.
of Bexar.	Kveton.
Brady.	Lackey.
Branch.	Laird.
Brown.	Lawrence.
Burmeister.	Looney.
Burns.	McCord.
Carpenter.	McDaniel.
Childers.	McFarlane.
Coffee.	McKean.
Cox.	McLeod.
Crawford.	Malone.
Crumpton.	Martin.
Curtis.	Marshall.
Darroch.	Mathes.
Davis, John E.,	Melson.
of Dallas.	Menking.
Davis, John,	Merriman.
of Dallas.	Miller of Dallas.
Dinkle.	Morgan.
Duffey.	Moore.
Edwards.	Morris of Medina.
Fly.	Morris
Fugler.	of Montague.
Garrett.	Mott.
Greer.	Neblett.
Grissom.	Owen.
Hall.	Perkins
Hanna.	of Cherokee.

Perkins of Lamar.	Stewart of Reeves.
Perry.	Swann.
Pollard.	Sweet of Brown.
Pope.	Sweet of Tarrant.
Quicksall.	Teer.
Rice.	Thomason.
Rogers of Harris.	Thompson
Rogers of Shelby.	of Red River.
Rosser.	Thorn.
Rowland.	Thrasher.
Satterwhite.	Veatch.
Schwepe.	Wadley.
Seagler.	Walker.
Shearer.	Wallace.
Sims.	Webb.
Smith.	Wessels.
Sneed.	West.
Stephens.	Westbrook.
Stevenson.	Williams
Stewart	of McLennan.
of Edwards.	Wright.

Absent.

Barrett of Bell.	King.
Bass.	Laney.
Bonham.	Lindsey.
Bryant.	Miller of Parker.
Burkett.	Pool.
Chitwood.	Quaid.
Cummins.	Quinn.
Estes.	Rountree.
Faubion.	Thomas
Johnson	of Limestone.
of Gillespie.	Thompson
Johnson of Ellis.	of Harris.

Absent—Excused.

Adams.	Leslie.
Duncan.	Patman.
Harrison.	Williams
Lauderdale.	of Montgomery.

SENATE BILL NO. 233 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, S. B. No. 233, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 14 of Chapter 85 of the Local and Special Laws of the State of Texas passed by the Thirty-sixth Legislature at its Regular Session, by providing that the board of trustees of Edinburg Independent School District may employ an attorney to represent the said district in the enforcement of its lien for taxes; providing compensation for such services to such attorney; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—113.

Aiken.	McDaniel.
Baker.	McFarlane.
Barker.	McKean.
Barrett of Fannin.	McLeod.
Beasley	Malone.
of Hopkins.	Martin.
Beasley	Marshall.
of McCulloch.	Mathes.
Beavens.	Menking.
Binkley.	Merriman.
Black, O. B.,	Miller of Dallas.
of Bexar.	Miller of Parker.
Black, W. A.,	Morgan.
of Bexar.	Moore.
Bonham.	Morris of Medina.
Brady.	Morris
Bryant.	of Montague.
Burkett.	Mott.
Burmeister.	Neblett.
Burns.	Owen.
Carpenter.	Perkins
Childers.	of Cherokee.
Chitwood.	Perkins of Lamar.
Coffee.	Perry.
Cox.	Pollard.
Crawford.	Pope.
Crumpton.	Quicksall.
Curtis.	Quinn.
Darroch.	Rice.
Davis, John E.,	Rogers of Harris.
of Dallas.	Rogers of Shelby.
Davis, John,	Rosser.
of Dallas.	Satterwhite.
Dinkle.	Schwepe.
Duffey.	Seagler.
Edwards.	Shearer.
Faubion.	Sims.
Fugler.	Sneed.
Garrett.	Stephens.
Greer.	Stevenson.
Grissom.	Stewart
Hall.	of Edwards.
Hanna.	Stewart of Reeves.
Hardin.	Swann.
Harrington.	Sweet of Brown.
Henderson	Sweet of Tarrant.
of McLennan.	Thomas
Henderson	of Limestone.
of Marion.	Thomason.
Hendricks.	Thompson
Hill.	of Red River.
Horton.	Thorn.
Johnson	Thrasher.
of Gillespie.	Veatch.
Jones.	Wadley.
Kacir.	Walker.
Kellis.	Wallace.
King.	Webb.
Kveton.	Wessels.
Lackey.	West.
Laird.	Westbrook.
Lawrence.	Williams
Looney.	of McLennan.
McCord.	Wright.

Absent.	
Baldwin.	Lindsey.
Barrett of Bell.	Melson.
Bass.	Pool.
Branch.	Quaid.
Brown.	Rountree.
Estes.	Rowland.
Fly.	Smith.
Johnson of Ellis.	Teer.
Johnson of Wichita.	Thompson of Harris.
Laney.	
Absent—Excused.	
Adams.	Leslie.
Cummins.	Patman.
Duncan.	Williams
Harrison.	of Montgomery.
Lauderdale.	

HOUSE BILL NO. 491 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 491, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Three Rivers Independent School District in Live Oak county, Texas; providing its boundaries; providing for the annexation of territory; providing that the present board of trustees may continue in office until the expiration of their respective terms; validating bond and tax elections hereinbefore held; placing the said district and trustees under the general law governing independent school districts; placing the district under the direct supervision of the State Superintendent and State Board of Education; authorizing the trustees to select its officers, including its depository; delegating certain powers to these officials; providing for the custody of the funds and school property of the present district; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—105.

Aiken.	Black, W. A.,
Baker.	of Bexar.
Baldwin.	Bonham.
Barker.	Brady.
Barrett of Fannin.	Branch.
Beasley	Bryant.
of Hopkins.	Burkett.
Beasley	Burmeister.
of McCulloch.	Childers.
Beavens.	Coffee.
Binkley.	Cox.
Black, O. B.,	Crumpton.
of Bexar.	Curtis.

Darroch.	Mott.
Davis, John E.,	Neblett.
of Dallas.	Owen.
Davis, John,	Perkins
of Dallas.	of Cherokee.
Dinkle.	Perkins of Lamar.
Duffey.	Perry.
Edwards.	Pollard.
Faubion.	Pope.
Fly.	Quicksall.
Fugler.	Quinn.
Garrett.	Rice.
Greer.	Rogers of Harris.
Grissom.	Rogers of Shelby.
Hall.	Rosser.
Hanna.	Satterwhite.
Hardin.	Schweppe.
Harrington.	Seagler.
Henderson	Shearer.
of McLennan.	Sneed.
Henderson	Stephens.
of Marion.	Stevenson.
Horton.	Stewart
Johnson	of Edwards.
of Gillespie.	Stewart of Reeves.
Johnson	Swann.
of Wichita.	Sweet of Brown.
Kacir.	Sweet of Tarrant.
Kellis.	Teer.
Lackey.	Thomas
Laird.	of Limestone.
Lawrence.	Thomason.
Looney.	Thompson
McCord.	of Harris.
McDaniel.	Thompson
McFarlane.	of Red River.
McKean.	Thorn.
Malone.	Thrasher.
Martin.	Veatch.
Marshall.	Wadley.
Mathes.	Walker.
Melson.	Wallace.
Menking.	Wessels.
Merriman.	Westbrook.
Miller of Parker.	Williams
Morgan.	of McLennan.
Moore.	Wright.
Morris	
of Montague.	

Absent.

Barrett of Bell.	Laney.
Bass.	Lindsey.
Brown.	McLeod.
Burns.	Miller of Dallas.
Carpenter.	Morris of Medina.
Chitwood.	Pool.
Crawford.	Quaid.
Estes.	Rountree.
Hendricks.	Rowland.
Hill.	Sims.
Johnson of Ellis.	Smith.
Jones.	Webb.
King.	West.
Kveton.	
Absent—Excused.	
Adams.	Cummins.

Duncan.
Harrison.
Lauderdale.
Leslie.

Patman.
Williams
of Montgomery.

HOUSE BILL NO. 496 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 496, A bill to be entitled "An Act to validate grant of land made by the Crown of Spain to the original grantees and their heirs and assigns of Porciones Nos. 29, 30, 31, 33, 34, 36, 37, 38, 39, 47, 48, 53, 57 and 58, lying and being situated in Webb county, Texas, and to authorize and require the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue patents to the original grantees, their heirs or assignees to said porciones, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—99.

Aiken.	Greer.
Baker.	Grissom.
Baldwin.	Hall.
Barker.	Hanna.
Barrett of Fannin.	Hardin.
Beasley	Harrington.
of Hopkins.	Henderson
Beasley	of McLennan.
of McCulloch.	Henderson
Beavens.	of Marion.
Binkley.	Horton.
Black, O. B.,	Johnson
of Bexar.	of Gillespie.
Bonham.	Kacir.
Brady.	Kellis.
Branch.	Lackey.
Brown.	Laird.
Burkett.	Lawrence.
Burmeister.	Looney.
Burns.	McCord.
Carpenter.	McDaniel.
Childers.	McFarlane.
Chitwood.	McKean.
Coffee.	Malone.
Crawford.	Martin.
Crumpton.	Marshall.
Curtis.	Merriman.
Darroch.	Miller of Parker.
Davis, John E.,	Moore.
of Dallas.	Morris
Davis, John,	of Montague.
of Dallas.	Mott.
Dinkle.	Neblett.
Duffey.	Owen.
Edwards.	Perkins of Lamar.
Faubion.	Perry.
Fly.	Pollard.
Fugler.	Pope.
Garrett.	Quicksall.

Quinn.	Thomas
Rice.	of Limestone.
Rogers of Harris.	Thompson
Rogers of Shelby.	of Harris.
Rowland.	Thompson
Satterwhite.	of Red River.
Seagler.	Thorn.
Shearer.	Thrasher.
Smith.	Veatch.
Sneed.	Wadley.
Stephens.	Wallace.
Stevenson.	Wessels.
Stewart	West.
of Edwards.	Westbrook.
Stewart of Reeves.	Williams
Swann.	of McLennan.
Sweet of Brown.	Wright.
Sweet of Tarrant.	

Absent.

Barrett of Bell.	Mathes.
Bass.	Melson.
Black, W. A.,	Menking.
of Bexar.	Miller of Dallas.
Bryant.	Morgan.
Cox.	Morris of Medina.
Estes.	Perkins
Hendricks.	of Cherokee.
Hill.	Pool.
Johnson of Ellis.	Quaid.
Johnson	Rosser.
of Wichita.	Rountree.
Jones.	Schweppe.
King.	Sims.
Kveton.	Teer.
Laney.	Thomason.
Lindsey.	Walker.
McLeod.	Webb.

Absent—Excused.

Adams.	Leslie.
Cummins.	Patman.
Duncan.	Williams
Harrison.	of Montgomery.
Lauderdale.	

HOUSE BILL NO. 279 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 279, A bill to be entitled "An Act to validate all sales of Deaf and Dumb Asylum lands made on April 9, 1903, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 227.

Mr. John Davis of Dallas, chairman, submitted the following report, which was read to the House:

Austin, Texas, February 24, 1921.

Hon. Lynch Davidson, President of the Senate, and Hon. Chas. G. Thomas, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sirs: We, your Conference Committee appointed by your respective bodies to consider the amendments of the Senate to House bill No. 227, have had the same under consideration, and beg to report as follows:

First. Amend the bill by striking out Section 21 and insert the following, which is in lieu of the Senate amendment on the same subject, to wit:

"Sec. 21. Each and all officers, employes and agents handling funds or property of the corporations created under the provisions of this act, or any property or funds of any person placed under the control of or in the possession of said corporation, shall be required to execute and deliver to the corporation a bond, for the benefit of all members of said corporation, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the duties and obligations of such person, and further conditioned that such person shall faithfully account for any and all funds, moneys and property coming into his or her hands or possession, by reason of such office or employment, and shall promptly remit to the person, or persons, entitled to receive the same, all moneys which may come into his possession by virtue of being such officer, employe or agent, and in case of sale or failure to sell any products under the care of, and in the possession of such officer, employe or agent, that he shall promptly make a true and correct report of said sale, or in case of failure to sell, the reasons why said sale is not made.

In case the officers and directors of any corporation authorized to be created under the provisions of this act shall fail to have all officers, employes and agents handling such funds or property, execute the bond provided for herein, each and all of said officers and directors shall be personally liable for all losses occasioned by such failure, and which might have been recovered on said bond."

Second. Amend the caption of the bill by striking out the words limiting the use of the word "co-operative" as applying to this act, and insert in lieu thereof the words: "provided that all officers, employes and agents handling funds or property of corporations created under the provisions of this act, shall give bond, and prescribing the terms and conditions of such bond."

Third. Strike out the words beginning with the word "guilty" in line 22, Section 25, page 15, of the Senate bill, and ending with the word "offense" in line 26, Section 25, page 15, of the Senate bill, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "liable to the association aggrieved thereby in a civil suit for damages suffered in three times the amount of actual damage proven for each offense."

Fourth. Amend House bill No. 227, page 15, line 15, of Senate bill, by striking out the word "misdemeanor."

Fifth. In Section 12, second paragraph thereof, reading as follows: "The by-laws may provide that one or more directors may be appointed by the President of the Agricultural and Mechanical College or the Commissioner of Markets and Warehouses, or any other public official. The director or directors so appointed need not be members or stockholders of the association, but shall have the same powers and rights as other directors," shall be stricken out.

With these recommendations, changes and amendments we respectfully submit that House bill No. 227, with amendments stated and provided, should be adopted.

JOHN DAVIS of Dallas,
VEATCH,
BEASLEY of Hopkins,
ROUNTREE,
QUICKSALL,
On the Part of the House.
SUITER,
BUCHANAN,
WITT,
WATTS,
On the Part of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. John Davis of Dallas, the report was adopted.

NOTICES GIVEN.

Mr. Williams of McLennan gave notice that he would on tomorrow call up for consideration at that time, House bill No. 340, which bill has heretofore been read second time and laid on the table subject to call.

Mr. Curtis gave notice that he would on tomorrow call up for consideration at that time, House bill No. 72, which bill has heretofore been read second time and laid on the table subject to call.

Mr. Coffee gave notice that he would on tomorrow call up for consideration at that time, House bill No. 115, which bill has heretofore been read second time and laid on the table subject to call.

HOUSE BILL NO. 184 ON SECOND
READING.

(By Unanimous Consent.)

On motion of Mr. Thomason, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 184, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make appropriations in order to enable the State of Texas to continue to receive the benefits of Federal funds appropriated by the States for vocational education under the provisions of the Smith-Hughes Act, accepted by the State of Texas, appropriating \$165,600, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year 1921-22 and an appropriation of \$185,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year 1922-23."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House and it was read second time.

Question—Shall the bill be passed to engrossment?

NOTICE GIVEN.

Mr. Quinn gave notice that he would on tomorrow call up for consideration at that time, House bill No. 120, which bill has heretofore been read second time and laid on the table subject to call.

Mr. Horton gave notice that he would on tomorrow call up for consideration at that time, Senate Joint Resolution No. 4, which resolution has heretofore been read second time and laid on the table subject to call.

RECESS.

Mr. Moore moved that the House recess until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Mr. Fugler moved that the House adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Mr. Greer moved that the House recess until 9:30 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

The motion of Mr. Moore prevailed, and the House, accordingly, at 6 o'clock p. m., took recess until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The following standing committees filed favorable reports today on bills, as follows:

Roads, Bridges and Ferries: House bills Nos. 523, 446, 481, 492.

Criminal Jurisprudence: House bill No. 531; Senate bill No. 185.

Education: Senate bills Nos. 220, 232, 233, 274, 214; House bills Nos. 505, 521, 478, 532.

Labor: Senate bill No. 46.

Municipal and Private Corporations: Senate bill No. 244.

Judiciary: Senate bills Nos. 153, 276.

Privileges, Suffrage and Elections: House bill No. 507.

Agriculture: House bills Nos. 382, 493.

Oil, Gas and Mining: House bill No. 486.

Appropriations: House bill No. 525.

Eleemosynary Institutions: House bills Nos. 520, 479; Senate bills Nos. 123, 143.

The following standing committees filed adverse reports today on bills, as follows:

Agriculture: House bill No. 523.

Roads, Bridges and Ferries: House bill No. 469.

Judiciary: Senate bill No. 23.

Eleemosynary Institutions: House bill No. 395.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON EN-
GROSSED BILLS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 24, 1921.

Hon. Charles G. Thomas, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 491, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Three Rivers Independent School District in Live Oak county, Texas; providing its boundaries; providing for the annexation of territory; providing that the present board of trustees may continue in office until the expiration of their respective terms; validating bond and tax elections hereinbefore held; placing the said district and trustees under the general law governing independent school districts; placing the district under the direct supervision of the State Superintendent and State Board of Education; authorizing the trustees to select its officers, including its depository; delegating certain powers to these officials; providing for the custody of the funds and school property of the present district; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

And find the same correctly engrossed.
SNEED, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 24, 1921.

Hon. Charles G. Thomas, Speaker of the
House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed
Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 179: A bill to be entitled
"An Act prescribing the duties, powers and authority of the Live Stock Sanitary Commission of Texas and providing a chairman therefor; providing for the eradication and control among the cattle, horses, mules, asses, sheep, goats, hogs and other live stock of this State of the infectious and contagious diseases of live stock known as splenic tick fever, bovine tuberculosis, anthrax, glanders, contagious abortion, hemorrhagic septicaemia, cattle and sheep scabies, hog cholera, Malta fever, foot and mouth disease, rabies, and other similar and dissimilar contagious and infectious diseases; providing for the said Commission to establish and release necessary quarantines on such mentioned live stock, premises, pens, pastures, ranches, yards, counties, parts of counties, and other places; providing for said Commission to issue directions for dipping cattle, horses, mules, asses, and sheep for eradicating the fever carrying tick and sheep and cattle scabies; providing for said Commission to adopt necessary rules and regulations; providing for the division of the State of Texas into the free area, tick eradication area and general quarantined area, and the eradication of the fever carrying tick (*Margaropus Annulatus*) in the tick eradication area and free area; providing for the eradication of the said fever tick in Tick Eradication Zone No. 3 or Southern Zone, and designating dates for the beginning of tick eradication in the counties therein; providing for the appraisal, condemnation and indemnification on account of horses and mules affected with glanders or anthrax; providing for cleaning and disinfecting of railway cars and of pens, yards and other places; providing for permitting persons owning, controlling or caring for any cattle, horses, mules, asses or sheep which are required to be dipped to file affidavit protesting against such dipping and asking for personal hearing before chairman of said Commission; providing penalties against persons failing to dip cattle, horses, mules, asses and sheep when directed in writing by said Commission to dip same under provisions of this act; providing

penalties against persons, firms, corporations, railway companies, and other common carriers for violating quarantines established by said Commission or its chairman; and providing penalties against railway companies and other common carriers for failing to clean and disinfect cars, pens, and other places and for moving stock cars without cleaning and disinfecting, and for unloading tick infected or exposed cattle, horses, mules and asses into non-infectious pens in the tick eradication area and free area, or unloading tick free cattle, horses, mules or asses into infectious pens in the tick eradication area or general quarantined area; prescribing other duties of railway companies and other common carriers in reference to the subject of this act, and providing penalties for violations thereof; providing other penalties for violating provisions of this act; prescribing duties of persons owning, controlling and caring for live stock in the State of Texas with reference to said live stock and said contagious and infectious diseases; providing for said Commission to employ necessary help, including inspectors, veterinarians, clerical help, law enforcement assistants and other necessary help for carrying out the provisions of this act; providing for commissioners courts to furnish money to pay the salaries of inspectors, build dipping vats and purchase dipping material for conducting tick eradication and the eradication of contagious and infectious diseases therein; providing other sanitary measures for eradicating and controlling said diseases in the State of Texas and restricting the movement of live stock into and within the State of Texas unless properly certified to; validating tick eradication elections heretofore held; prescribing the powers, duties and authority of the chairman of the Live Stock Sanitary Commission, and providing penalties for violating quarantines established by said Commission or its chairman, and for failure to comply with written dipping directions from said Commission and chairman; providing penalties for permitting live stock affected with contagious or infectious diseases to leave premises; providing penalties for selling, giving away, trading or loaning cattle which the tuberculin test indicated to be affected with tuberculosis; providing for branding tubercular cattle TB; providing penalty for removing tuberculin tested cattle from premises where tested with-

out permit from the Live Stock Sanitary Commission; permitting owners and caretakers of live stock to file affidavits and have hearings before chairman of the Live Stock Sanitary Commission on matters pertaining to the dipping, treating or branding of such live stock and the disinfecting of premises and pens; repealing all of Chapter 60, Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, except Section 8 thereof; repealing all of Chapter 12 of the Acts of the First Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, all of Chapter 44 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, all of Chapter 38 of the Acts of the Third Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, and all of Chapter 10 of the Acts of the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature; and all other laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith; and declaring an emergency."

And find the same correctly engrossed.
SNEED, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 24, 1921.

Hon. Charles G. Thomas, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 496, A bill to be entitled "An Act to validate grant of land made by the crown of Spain to the original grantees and their heirs and assigns of Porciones Nos. 29, 30, 31, 33, 34, 36, 37, 38, 39, 47, 48, 53, 57 and 58, lying and being situated in Webb county, Texas, and to authorize and require the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue patents to the original grantees, their heirs or assignees to said Porciones, and declaring an emergency."

And find the same correctly engrossed.
SNEED, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 24, 1921.

Hon. Charles G. Thomas, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 446, A bill to be entitled "An Act relative to public roads of Wilbarger county, and to create a more efficient road system for Wilbarger county, and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 492, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to amend Sections 7 and 11 of the Acts of the Thirty-second Legislature, creating a road system for Jack county, and declaring an emergency."

And find the same correctly engrossed.
SNEED, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 24, 1921.

Hon. Charles G. Thomas, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 463, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Ninety-second Judicial District, to be composed of the counties of Young, Archer and Clay, and fixing the terms of said court; providing for the election of a district judge and district attorney; providing that the Thirtieth Judicial District, now composed of the counties of Young, Archer, Clay and Wichita, shall hereafter be composed of Wichita county only, and fixing the terms of said Thirtieth Judicial District; providing for officers of the court, and preserving the status of cases and proceedings, and declaring an emergency."

And find the same correctly engrossed.
SNEED, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 24, 1921.

Hon. Charles G. Thomas, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 223, A bill to be entitled "An Act to validate, ratify and confirm certain titles to lands in the Baltazar de la Garza grant of land in Nacogdoches county, abandoning all claims of the State of Texas to said lands, and declaring an emergency."

And find the same correctly engrossed.
SNEED, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 24, 1921.

Hon. Charles G. Thomas, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 266, "An Act to amend Section 2, Chapter 6, of the Special Laws of Texas passed by the Second Called

Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, at page 39 thereof, approved August 30, 1917, being an act creating the Alanreed Independent School District in Gray county, Texas, giving the board of trustees the power to select and designate the depository for said school district, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 5 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

FAUBION, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 24, 1921.

Hon. Charles G. Thomas, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 281, "An Act creating the Perryton Independent School District in Ochiltree county, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees in said district; conferring upon said district and its board of trustees all the rights, powers, privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the general laws of Texas upon independent school districts and the board of trustees thereof; providing that such district may have its own assessor and collector of taxes and board of equalization; repealing Chapter 94 of the Local and Special Laws passed by the Third Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, and Chapter 1 of the Local and Special Laws passed by the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 5 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

FAUBION, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 24, 1921.

Hon. Charles G. Thomas, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 289, "An Act creating the Rowena Independent School District in Runnels county, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees in said district; conferring upon said district and its boards of trustees all the rights, powers, privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the general laws of Texas upon independent school districts and the board of trustees thereof, declaring that all taxes or bonds heretofore authorized by any former

school district included within the bounds thereof shall remain in full force and effect; and repealing Acts of the Third Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature creating the Rowena Independent School District, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 5 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

FAUBION, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 24, 1921.

Hon. Charles G. Thomas, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 306, "An Act creating the Hontoon Independent School District in Ochiltree county, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees in said district; conferring upon said district and its board of trustees all the rights, powers, privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the general laws of Texas upon independent school districts and the board of trustees thereof; declaring that all taxes or bonds heretofore authorized by any former school district included within the bounds thereof shall remain in full force and effect, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 5 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

FAUBION, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 24, 1921.

Hon. Charles G. Thomas, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 307, "An Act creating the Booker Independent School District out of territory in Lipscomb county, Texas; defining its boundaries, fixing the number of trustees, providing for their election in accordance with the general laws of towns and villages incorporated for school purposes, and fixing their powers and duties, and providing for the election of the first trustees after this act becomes effective; authorizing the trustees to levy and collect a maintenance tax and to issue bonds for building purposes, and to levy, assess and collect a bond tax; providing for elections upon bond and tax propositions and for notice of such elections; prescribing the qualifications of voters at such elections, the

form of ballot and for making returns; providing for the appointment of an assessor and collector of taxes, and fixing his powers, duties, bond and compensation; providing for the collection of delinquent taxes, and for the assessment and collection of taxes by the county assessor and collector; applying the general laws when a matter is not expressly provided for, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 5 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

FAUBION, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 24, 1921.

Hon. Charles G. Thomas, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 324, "An Act authorizing the Polytechnic Heights Independent School District No. 42 of Tarrant county to levy and collect taxes, for issuance of bonds to the amount not to exceed fifty cents on the one hundred dollar valuation, declaring an emergency, and the repeal of all laws conflicting with any part of this act,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 5 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

FAUBION, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 24, 1921.

Hon. Charles G. Thomas, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 358, "An Act to reorganize the Sixty-third and Eighty-third Judicial Districts of the State of Texas; and to prescribe the time and fix the terms of holding the courts in each of said judicial districts; and to conform all writs and process from such courts to such changes, and to make all process issued or served before this act takes effect, including recognizances and bonds, returnable to the terms of the courts in the several districts as herein fixed and to validate process and to validate the summoning of grand and petit jurors and juries; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled, and have this

day, at 5 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

FAUBION, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 24, 1921.

Hon. Charles G. Thomas, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 317, "An Act authorizing the commissioners court of Scurry county to validate the sale of a certain block of land in the town of Snyder in this State, known as Block 25, and shown on the recorded plat of the original town of Snyder in Scurry county, of record in Book 1 at page 358 of the deed records of said county; authorizing the commissioners court of said county to execute a deed of confirmation, without the necessity of public advertisement and public sale, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 5 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

FAUBION, Chairman.

THIRTY-FIRST DAY.

(Continued.)

(Friday, February 25, 1921.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m., and was called to order by Speaker Thomas.

NOTICE GIVEN.

Mr. Miller of Dallas gave notice that he would on tomorrow call up for consideration at that time House Concurrent Resolution No. 26, which resolution has heretofore been read second time and laid on the table subject to call.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 227.

Mr. John Davis of Dallas moved to reconsider the vote by which the House adopted the report of the free conference committee on House bill No. 227.

The motion to reconsider prevailed.

Question—Shall the report be adopted?

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—117.

Aiken.
Baker.
Baldwin.

Barker.
Barrett of Bell.
Barrett of Fannin.